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DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

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Medicaid Director, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Health Insurance Programs
NYS Department of Health
Corning Towers (OCP-1211)
Albany, New York 12237

Dear Ms. Helgerson:

We have completed our review of New York's State Plan amendment (SPA) 12-19 received in office on June 4, 2012 and find it acceptable for incorporation into New York's Medicaid State Plan. This SPA proposes to amend the episodic pricing system for Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs) so that services provided to a special needs population of medically complex and fragile children, adolescents and young disabled adults by a CHHA operating under a pilot program approved by the DOH are exempt from the episodic pricing system. Additionally, case mix adjustments shall include an adjustment factor for CHHAs providing care primarily to a special needs patient population coming under the jurisdiction of the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and consisting of no fewer than two hundred such patients.

Please note the approval date of this SPA is August 17, 2012 with an effective date of May 2, 2012. Copies of the approved State Plan pages and the signed CMS-179 are enclosed.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Tara Porcher at (212) 616-2418.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Melendez", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Melendez
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

Enclosures